

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 5-16, and 18-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 27, and 28 have been amended. Claims 3, 4 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 29-32 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Claims 9-13, 16, 18, 19, and 26 were withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement. If generic claim 1 is now allowable, applicant requests that these withdrawn claims be included and allowed as well.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 17, 20-22, 24-25, and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Hess (6,062,585), claims 1, 4-8, 14, 17, 20, 23-24, and 27-28 as being anticipated by Varan (4,906,016), and claims 1, 2, 14-15, 20-21, and 27-28 as being anticipated by Pritchard (6,007,101).

Applicant would respectfully ask the Examiner to consider that claim 1 has been amended to include the limits of claim 4, that the Examiner has allowed over Hess and over Pritchard. Similarly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limits of claim 3, that the Examiner has allowed over Varan and Pritchard. Claim 1 has also been amended to

Claim 1, as amended, states:

1. A device for skiing, comprising a ski having a first side, a bottom surface, and a bent plate, said bottom surface having a first edge on said first side, said bent plate comprising a first outrigger edge on said first side, wherein said first outrigger edge extends from said ski spaced from said first side, wherein when said bottom surface is facing down, said first outrigger edge is higher than said bottom surface, wherein said outrigger edge has a portion that is serrated.

Applicant would respectfully ask the Examiner to consider that none of the references individually or in combination teach or suggest the limits of claim 1, as amended. Neither Hess nor Varan teach or suggest a bent plate having an outrigger edge in which the outrigger edge extends from the ski spaced from the first side and in which the outrigger edge is higher than the bottom surface. And Pritchard teaches against the idea that "said first outrigger edge is higher than said bottom surface."

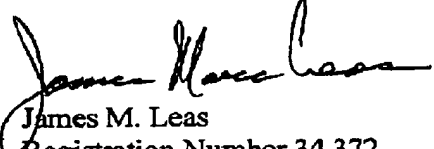
Claims 27 and 28 have been similarly amended. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 27, and 28, as amended, have been traversed.

Prior Art Made of Record

Applicant and applicant's attorney have reviewed the prior art made of record but not relied upon and believe that the claims, as amended, are distinguished from all the references, individually and in combination consistent with the purposes of the references.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration. If there are any questions please call applicant's agent at 802 864-1575.

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